

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5 and 6 are rejected. Claim 1 is herein amended. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 2-4 and 7-11 are allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### **Specification Objections**

The title of the invention was objected to as not being adequately descriptive. The title has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

### **Claim Rejections**

Claims 1, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Tanabe* (Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 09-289,605). *Tanabe* is disclosed in the IDS filed April 2, 2002. *Tanabe* is also discussed in the present Specification at page 3.

Amended claim 1 recites an image pickup device comprising a spectroscope which picks up a condensed image and separates it into two directions. An overall image pickup portion picks up one optical image as an overall image of the object. The overall image pickup portion has a primary area pickup element and a primary image-forming lens system which reduces the image in size. The overall image pickup portion outputs an overall image signal. The image pickup device also has a detailed image pickup portion which forms the other optical image. The detailed image pickup portion has a secondary area pickup element and a secondary image-

forming lens system which enlarges the image in size. The detailed image pickup portion outputs a detailed image signal of high resolution.

*Tanabe et al.* discloses an image pick-up device. The device distributes light to multiple sensors. Each sensor receives a separate part of an overall image. Each separate part is increased in resolution and when the separate parts are combined to form a single image, the overall image has a higher resolution.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Tanabe* does not disclose “an overall image pickup portion which forms one optical image as separated by the spectroscope as an overall image of the object to be picked up on an image-forming surface” as recited in Claim 1. The Examiner refers to Figure 5, element 58 as an overall image pickup portion. (*Office Action*, page 2.) However, element 58 receives only a quadrant of light from the object. (*Tanabe et al.*, paragraph 27.) Each CCD in Figure 5 receives a separate quadrant of light from an object that is then combined to form a single image of higher resolution. The image to be picked up is divided into four portions, and the images 54', 56', 58' and 59' of the individual divided sections are picked up by CCDs 54, 56, 58 and 59, respectively. Each individual image is a partial pickup portion. (*Tanabe et al.*, paragraph 27.)

Furthermore, the Examiner refers to element 58 of *Tanabe* as being the overall image pickup portion and the detailed image pickup portion. In the present invention, the overall image pickup portion and the detailed image pickup portion are distinct elements performing different

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functions. Therefore, *Tanabe* does not disclose an overall image pickup portion as recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 5 and 6 is hereby solicited.

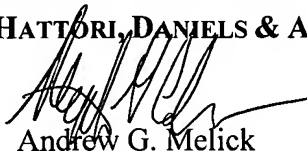
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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